

Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News
At First Mennonite Church

Serving Today: Speaker: Eric Litwiller
Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer Hosts: Justin & Linsey Schardt
Piano: Erin VanderSchaaf Power point: Katie Jantzen
Audio: Jim Ensz Video: Henry Trantham
Kids Story: Shana Ensz
Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Rick Brethouwer

Last Sunday: Attendance: 145 **Offering:** FMC \$7,255
Today's Offering: Mother to Mother **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, April 12	9:30 am Sunday School for all 10:30 am Worship w/ Eric Litwiller of Camp Menno
Tuesday, April 14	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying 5:30 pm Shepherd Grp 1 Warren's Table 7:00 pm Education council meets
Wednesday, April 15	6:30 pm Peace Club, SYF, JYF
Thursday, April 16	7:00 pm Church Board meets
Sunday, April 19	9:30 am Sunday School for all 10:30 am Worship

April Birthdays

2: Ella Crawford	5: Sylvia Crawford
7: Henry Trantham	9: Elsie Riesen
13: Blake Thimm & Jacob Janzen	13: Anita Reimer
17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz	20: Sloan Esau

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks for the food pantry may be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
April 12, 2026

Welcome

Call to Worship (VT 1011 adapted)

L: A Wilderness beckons us; a desert, a barren place, yet a place of blessing and discovery.

P: Jesus, steady companion, accompany us as we enter:

L: the hurtful places, the frightening places, the dangerous places deep within us.

P: Jesus, our wild and well-travelled guide, lead us into the place where we have nothing but you.

L: come, Lord Jesus, walk with us.

All: Come walk with us in wilderness and worship

Prayer

Hymn 25: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Confession and Assurance (VT 860/908 adapted)

L: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

P: We come before you as we are — not as we wish to appear.

L: You led us through the wilderness to humble us, to test us, to know what was in our hearts.

P: And you have found there both longing and forgetting — faith and self-reliance.

L: We confess that we have trusted our own strength and forgotten the hand that fed us in the desert.

P: We have said in our hearts, "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth."

L: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit

P: that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name.

L: Hear the good news: The same God who led Israel through the wilderness — who humbled and tested and *fed* them — is the God who has met us here today.

God did not abandon the people in their forgetting. God does not abandon us in ours.

P: From all that is broken, God makes something new.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, who himself endured the wilderness and overcame it, you are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn 563: “Come, Thou Fount” (offering to Mother to Mother)

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-18

Sermon: “God Finds Us in the Wilderness” Eric Litwiller

Hymn 419: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Moment in Mission: Mother to Mother with Falisatey S. Dunn

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 846: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and “Like” it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Thank you to Eric Litwiller, Camp Mennoscah's Director of Development, for being with us today to share a message and what’s happening at Camp Mennoscah.

Thank you to Falisatey S. Dunn, Coordinator for Mother to Mother, for sharing with us today about Mother to Mother.

Save the date of June 7th for the upcoming baptisms. The service will be at Baade's Pond. More details to come.

Education Council was postponed from last week and will meet this week Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Get Out Your Recipes! FMC would like to publish an updated version of the FMC cookbook incorporating adaptations of modern cooking methods but still focusing on traditional recipes that may be unique to our families and congregation. Please contact Paula Heinz or Debbie Goossen to contribute your recipes. Submissions are not needed immediately but fairly soon.

Are you missing a 9x9 cake pan, a white bowl or a plastic lid to a casserole dish? These items have been in the kitchen for a long time. They are on the counter in the fellowship hall, please claim them by April 1.- WMS

VBS registration is open! The church website may or may not work for online registration. There are **paper forms** near the mailboxes that include all consent forms needed on the same page. Please complete the one page form and return it to Linsey Schardt’s mailbox. Kids are encouraged to invite a friend to join the fun!

A reminder! The offerings taken on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month are for First Mennonite’s General Operating Fund. The offerings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays are for organizations FMC helps support. **If your offering is intended for FMC’s general fund and but is given on the 2nd or 4th Sundays, please put FMC in the memo line.** If nothing is specified on your check, it will be designated for the other organization listed for that Sunday.

Plan to stay after the service on May 3 for the **Youth Taco Fundraiser!**

You’ll notice the power point this Sunday is different. The music is printed with the lyrics. Hopefully this will help you sing out your praises to God!

CampMennoscah.org: Register online for **Summer Camp!** FMC will pay for your registration and a T-shirt. Put FMC Beatrice as your sponsor, then let the church office know you’ve signed up.

MCC Golf Signup: It's time to signup for the MCC Golf Tournament held at the Centura Hills Golf Club in Cairo, NE on May 16th. It's a 2 Person Scramble with Cart, Lunch, Awards, and Flag Prizes included. Look for the poster in your church or at facebook.com/NebraskaMCCGolf for details. Email NebraskaMCCGolf@gmail.com or contact Glen at 402-560-7818 via voice or text to sign your team up. Signup prior to May 8 is preferred.